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SUBJECT: NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS

REFS: A) NICOSIA 2086; B) NICOSIA 2092; C) STATE 211044

1. IN CALL TO FONMIN ROLANDIS LATE MORNING AUGUST 21 (PER REF. C) I INFORMED HIM IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR COUNSELOR NIMETZ TO VISIT NICOSIA FOR TALKS ON SEPTEMBER 4 SHOULD VISIT BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOC. I ALSO REMINDED HIM THAT MY GOVERNMENT WISHED THAT NO PUBLICITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SUCH POSSIBLE VISIT AT THIS TIME.

2. THE FONMIN TELEPHONED ME EARLY AFTERNOON AUGUST 22 TO TELL ME HAD TALKED TO THE PRESIDENT, AND IT HAD BEEN AGREED THAT THE NIMETZ VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE. THERE WAS ONE MINOR CHANGE, HOWEVER, IN THE TIMING OF THE VISIT IN THAT PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MICHAELIDES WOULD ONLY BE RETURNING FROM AUSTRALIA LATE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 4. THEREFORE, THE MEETING SHOULD TAKE PLACE ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 5. THE FONMIN ADDED THAT BOTH HE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY WERE SCHEDULED TO DEPART FROM
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LARNACA AT 1500 HOURS SEPTEMBER 5 ENROUTE TO ATHENS AND FROM THERE TO PRAGUE AND BONN RESPECTIVELY.

3. THE FONMIN TOLD ME HE HAD JUST TALKED TO AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD AGREED NIMETZ VISIT SHOULD TAKE PLACE. HE SAID DIMITRIOU WAS LUNCHING WITH NIMETZ AUGUST 22 AND WOULD BE INFORMING

HIM DIRECTLY OF GOC ACCEPTANCE OF VISIT.

4. WE THEN DISCUSSED POSSIBLE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT AND AGREED AD REFERENDUM THAT ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD BE MADE SHORTLY BEFORE VISIT OCCURS. I AGREED TO THE FONIMN'S SUGGESTION THAT WE SHOULD MEET AUGUST 24 OR 25 TO DECIDE HOW THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE HANDLED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT BY OPENING OF BUSINESS AUGUST 24.
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